(b) Confirmed - 77

Temporary - 01

(c) 2 years from the date of appointment.

(d) The temporary employees will be confirmed after the satisfactory completion of probation period.

Shortage of certified seeds

2041.SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that several States are set to face an acute shortage of certified seeds for crops this rabi season compared to the National Seed Plan's (NSP) assessment of seed requirement;

(b) if so, the details of States facing shortfall and the steps Government is taking to meet the requirement;

(c) whether this will have an impact on the ultimate rabi output/production in this season; and

(d) if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) to (d) Government assesses the requirement and production of seeds before every sowing season *i.e.* Kharif & Rabi. As assessed and reported by the States, the over all availability of certified/quality seeds in the country for 2008-09 is 250.34 lakh quintals against the requirement of 207.28 lakh quintals. The crops wise position is given in the Statement (*See* below). Sufficient, certified/quality seed *i.e.* 144.80 lakh quintals is available for Rabi 2008-09 in the country against the requirement *i.e.* 111.23 lakh quintals as assessed in Rabi Zonal Conference. The overall availability of seed in 2008-09 is likely to be 250.34 lakh quintals against National Seed Plan (NSP) projection of 258.87 lakh quintals.

Statement

Requirement and availability of certified/quality seed

(Quantity in quintal)

Crop	2008-2009					
	Kharif		Rabi		Total	
	Requirement	Availability	Requirement	Availability	Requirement	Availability
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Wheat			6318212	8768382	6318212	8768382
Paddy	4306009	4744781	1299494	1909461	5605503	6654242
Maize	593653	622639	89929	117206	683582	739845
Jowar	193978	201412	82895	72427	276873	273839

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Bajra	233009	235194	10418	25937	243427	261131
Ragi	33720	32413	2212	3214	35932	35627
Barley			179994	230664	179994	230664
Others	430	459			430	459
Cereals TOTAL	5360799	5836898	7983154	11127291	13343953	16964189
Gram			834885	834762	834885	834762
Lentil			67187	59483	67187	59483
Peas			138302	129690	138302	129690
Urad	120391	169891	144392	143694	264783	313585
Moong	142920	161158	73199	86579	216119	247737
Arhar	152498	171362	3340	3516	155838	174878
Cowpea	16495	10094	13989	14304	30484	24398
Moth	15300	20009	0	0	15300	20009
Rajmash	4560	4200	600	600	5160	4800
Others	2321	1051	18875	19581	21196	20632
Pulses TOTAL	454485	537765	1294769	1292209	1749254	1829974
Groundnut	1614648	1838841	1131123	1348388	2745771	3187229
Rape/Must.			175610	206784	175610	206784
Til	21304	21003	6770	6574	28074	27577
Sunflower	12131	20790	70911	38233	83042	59023
Soyabean	1716828	1800742	100	700	1716928	1801442
Linseed			3786	3221	3786	3221
Castor	50000	53172	3000	3000	53000	56172
Safflower			6784	7275	6784	7275
Niger	1288	648	382	345	1670	993
Others			0	0	0	0
Oilseed TOTAL	3416199	3735196	1398466	1614520	4814665	5349716
Cotton	221235	261074	11325	11325	232560	272399
Jute	28275	41660			28275	41660
Mesta/Oth	41444	47092			41444	47092
Fibre TOTAL	290954	349826	11325	11325	302279	361151
Potato			430000	430000	430000	430000
Others	82070	94202	6030	5500	88100	99702
Grand TOTAL	9604507	10553887	11123744	14480845	20728251	25034732